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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with sadness of the death of Mark A. Linder, age 31, of Peoria, on October 15, 2005; and

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WHEREAS, He was born October 18, 1973 in Peoria to Jody Linder and Rex Linder; and

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WHEREAS, Mark was graduated from Richwoods High School; he received his bachelor's degree from Southern Illinois University in 1995; he completed his master's degree studies at Western Kentucky University in 1997 in the field of industrial-occupational psychology; and

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WHEREAS, He was employed in Information Services at CEFCU (Citizens Equity First Credit Union); and

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WHEREAS, He was an active volunteer with the American Red Cross and the Relay for Life; he was active in the American Brain Tumor Association and that Association honored Mark by establishing an academic fellowship in his honor, known as the Mark Linder/American Brain Tumor Association Fellowship; and

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WHEREAS, Mark founded the Walk for the Mind, a fundraiser walk for brain tumor research, which was first held on Peoria's Riverfront in 2003; the most recent Walk for the Mind in 2005 involved more than 300 participants and raised in excess of \$25,000 for brain tumor research and related activities; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Mark A. Linder is felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his parents, Jody Linder and Rex and Laurie Linder; his sisters Jamie and Stacie; his grandparents, Lyman D. Ketchum and Mary Kay and Louis Amberg; aunts and uncles, Barbara and Alan Ketchum, Betty and Nick Kouzomis, Mary and Marc Folladori, Beverlie and Robert Scott,

1 Joyce and Bill Gum, Mimi and Lester Chernick, Stacey and Rich
2 Amberg, and Lou Amberg; and numerous cousins; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
5 Mark A. Linder and we extend our sincerest condolences to his
6 family, friends, and community; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest
9 sympathy.